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REMARKS

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 15, 2006. Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following.

I. Claim Rejections

The Office Action rejected claims 1-7, 10, and 11. Applicants are amending claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 8 (now cancelled). Claim 8 was identified in the Office Action as including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the rejection of claim 1 is overcome.

Claims 2-7 and 9-11, and 13-16 depend upon claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 is allowable. Withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

II. Claim Objections

Paragraph 7 of the Office Action objected to claims 8, 9, and 12-16.

Claim 8 is cancelled.

Claim 9 is amended to depend upon allowable claim 1.

Claim 12 is rewritten in independent form.

Claims 13-16 depend upon allowable claim 1.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that these objections are overcome. Withdrawal of these objections is requested.

III. Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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